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1. ACTING BHC BRIND HAS BEEN IN KIGALI ALL THIS WEEK TO CELEBRATE QUEEN' S BIRTHDAY AND DEAL WITH ROUTINE PROBLEMS OF BRITISH COMMUNITY IN RWANDA, FOR WHICH HE ALSO RESPONSIBLE. WILL ADVISE HIM IN ACCORDANCE PARA ONE REF (C) ON HIS RETURN THIS WEEKEND.

2. RE PARA TWO REF (C), WE CONTINUE TO HAVE IMPRESSION, FROM REMARKS OF BHC OFFICERS HERE, THAT HEATH GOVERNMENT PLANS DO SOMETHING ABOUT UGANDA AT AUGUST COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE OTTAWA, THOUGH IT MIGHT NOT GO SO FAR AS ATTEMPT AT EXPULSION. BOTH BRIND AND FIRST SECRETARY REDSHAW, IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFFS, HAVE CASUALLY MENTIONED THAT THEY EXPECT " FIREWORKS " OR " TROUBLE " BETWEEN HMG AND AMIN AT OTTAWA, WITHOUT BEING MORE SPECIFIC AS TO NATURE. MY GUESS IS THAT BRIND DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING SPECIFIC IN CONVERSATION REPORTED REF (B) BECAUSE IT REMAINS SENSITIVE, PLANNING STAGE MATTER WITHIN HMG. IT MAY BE THAT HEATH WILL NOT GO BEYOND RAISING QUESTION ABOUT GOU TREATMENT OF CITIZENS OF OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND THEIR PROPERTIES DURING PAST YEAR, AS WELL AS TREATMENT OF ITS OWN CITIZENS, INCLUDING SOME WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE CITIZENS ACCORDING UGANDAN LAWS. IN GENERAL,
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BRITISH DIPLOMATS HERE ARE OF OPINION THAT HEATH AND AMIN
CANNOT SIMPLY CARRY ON THROUGH A COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE AS
IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED BETWEEN THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS DURING
PAST YEAR.
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